

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 currently remain in the application. Claim 1 is herein amended.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 in Paragraph 2 of the Official Letter.

Regarding the matter of indefiniteness in Paragraph 3 of the Official Letter, the positional relationship of the wiping unit and the running unit which was presented in claim 1 as originally filed but was inadvertently canceled in an earlier filed document entitled Amendment "A" is herein restored. It is therefore believed that the rejection for the reason stated in Paragraph 3 of the Official Letter is overcome.

Regarding the matter of indefiniteness in Paragraph 4 of the Official Letter, the term "freely journaled" was originally used in claim 1 in order to make it conform with the specification in the earlier filed corresponding application in Europe. In the base Japanese patent application on which priority is herein claimed, the term which was used to describe the frame was "freely rotatable" and hence the language in claim 1 has accordingly been changed herein. It is believed that this change simply makes the description clearer without introducing new matter and hence is allowable.

It is therefore believed that the present Amendment is totally responsive to the Office Action and hence that the application is now in condition for allowance.

It is requested that the Examiner issue at least an advisory action, if not a notice of allowance, in a seasonable manner in view of the mailing of the instant Amendment within two months of the mailing date of said Final Office Action.

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